

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on p. 14, 29 as follows:

The elastomeric materials that are utilized to form the melt-spray adhesive and/or the elastomeric filaments may have sufficient tackiness to either allow or enhance autogeneous bonding. For example, the elastomeric polymer itself may be tacky when formed into fibers and/or filaments or, alternatively, a compatible tackifying resin may be added to the extrudable elastomeric compositions described above to provide tackified fibers and/or filaments that autogeneously bond. Various known tackifying resins and tackified extrudable elastomeric compositions may be employed, such as those described in U.S. Patent No. ~~4,787,699~~ 4,789,699, which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference thereto.